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WebstauranStore Opens Western Maryland Distribution Center, Plans to Add 150 Jobs

November 10th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor Martin O'Malley today joined with Allegany County Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Director Matthew Diaz to announce that WebstaurantStore, the largest online supplier of food service equipment, is opening a distribution facility in Western Maryland. The company has purchased a 525,000 square-foot space in Cumberland which will become its second distribution location on the East Coast.

As part of the company's expansion into Maryland, WebstaurantStore plans to create 150 new jobs in the next two years. To assist with project costs, the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) is providing a \$300,000 conditional loan through the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund (MEDAAF). Additionally, Allegany County is offering a \$30,000 conditional loan to the company on the same terms as the State.

"Our investments in education, innovation, and infrastructure get results: they create jobs, spur innovation, and provide the most competitive, highly-skilled workforce in the nation," said **Governor O'Malley**. "More and more fast-growing companies like WebstaurantStore are setting up operations in Maryland to take advantage of our dynamic economic climate that fosters business to growth. We welcome WebstaurantStore and look forward to seeing their business expand and grow in our great State."

"Along with my fellow Commissioners, Creade Brodie and Bill Valentine, we are delighted to have a company like Webstaurant locate in Allegany County," said **Allegany County Commissioner President Michael W. McKay**. "As Commissioners, we work daily to promote job growth and the redevelopment of properties that will allow our tax base to grow."

"This will prove to be a great win for not only Allegany County, but the entire region. Projects like this show the importance of tax credit incentives programs such as the Enterprise Zone and One Maryland," said **Director Diaz**. "Without these programs and a true partnership with our friends at DBED, these projects would be extremely hard to make happen."

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“We are happy to be opening a distribution center in Cumberland. The State and County worked together to put together an attractive incentive for bringing jobs to Western Maryland,” said **Dave Groff, President of WebstaurantStore**. “Our company is excited to commence operations in Cumberland and looks forward to being part of the community for many years to come.”

WebstaurantStore formed in Lancaster, Pa. in 2004. The online retailer provides food service professionals with restaurant equipment, cookware, janitorial supplies, consumable products, and other necessities for the restaurant industry. Known as the leading restaurant supply store, the company currently has three other distribution centers in the country, located in Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Nevada. WebstaurantStore’s parent company, Clark Associates, employs over 900 people and was recently named one of Central Penn Business Journal’s fastest growing companies.

About DBED:

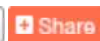
The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development stimulates private investment and creates jobs by attracting new businesses, encouraging the expansion and retention of existing companies, and providing workforce training and financial assistance to Maryland companies. The Department promotes the State’s many economic advantages and markets local products and services at home and abroad to spur economic development and international investment, trade and tourism. Because they are major economic generators, the Department also supports the Arts, film production, sports and other special events. For more information, visit www.choosemaryland.org.



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Statement from Governor O'Malley on the Release of the Climate Change Task Force Recommendations

November 17th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD — Governor Martin O'Malley today issued a statement on the release of recommendations from President Obama's State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience:

"Maryland commends President Obama and Vice President Biden for their foresight and purpose-driven action in creating this Task Force. These final recommendations will empower communities across the nation to respond effectively to the impacts of climate change."

"Maryland has taken strong action to reduce carbon emissions, and to protect our people, places and natural resources in the face of one of the biggest challenges facing our planet. The Task Force has identified additional actions that the federal government can take to build climate resilience, such as integrating climate change considerations into federal grant and loan programs, and improving the availability and reliability of climate data and tools. Reducing our vulnerability to climate change will help us build a stronger, more sustainable future for generations to come."

Maryland has set nation-leading goals to better prepare the state and its communities for the impacts of climate change. Under Governor O'Malley's leadership, the state has worked to [increase Maryland's in-state renewable generation to 20% by 2022](#); [reduce Maryland's greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent by 2020](#); [reduce both per capita peak demand and per capita electricity consumption in Maryland by 15 percent by 2015](#); and [double transit ridership in Maryland by the end of 2020](#).

Governor O'Malley's leadership in efforts and programs such as the [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan](#), the [Climate Change and Coast Smart Construction Executive Order](#), [Marylanders Plant Trees](#), [landmark no-net loss of forest legislation](#) and [CoastSmart](#) Communities earned him the League of Conservation Voters [Climate Change Vision Award](#) in 2013.

In May, Governor Martin O'Malley signed into law two pieces of legislation that will help the State prepare for the impacts of climate change and extreme weather in

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Maryland. The [Bay Acidification Bill](#) will create a Task Force to evaluate and address the effects of changing chemistry in the Chesapeake Bay and other Maryland waterways. The [CoastSmart Bill](#) will ensure the State follows standards to make safe and fiscally-wise investments when building or updating State agency structures located in vulnerable coastal areas.



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Governor O'Malley issues Executive Order to Expand Commission on Climate Change

November 19th, 2014

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Building on the O'Malley-Brown Administration's efforts to address the effects of climate change, Governor Martin O'Malley today issued an [executive order](#) that expands the membership ([list attached](#)), mission and work of the [Maryland Commission on Climate Change](#).

The Executive Order states that more must be done to achieve the State's goal to [reduce greenhouse gas emissions](#) in Maryland and prepare State and local governments as well as residents for the likely health, environmental and socioeconomic effects of climate change. The requirements of the Executive Order include an expansion of the Commission membership and the development of a plan to achieve an 80 percent, science-based reduction in Maryland's Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2050.

"Climate change is real, and Maryland is vulnerable. But we can make a difference through our actions and doing what works," said **Governor O'Malley**. "It is critical that we move forward and continue to lead by example in addressing an issue threatening the Chesapeake Bay and our way of life. This expansion of the Commission on Climate Change's membership and mission will help to further energize this effort."

"It's an honor to be given the opportunity to work with Maryland's leaders on securing the state's growth and vitality in the face of challenges from climate change," said **Sue Briggum, Vice President, Waste Management, Inc.** "The Governor's Executive Order sets the framework for business, environmental and community groups and government to work together to envision a concrete plan and means to measure progress toward a safer and cleaner environment. Business can provide pragmatic perspectives on how the Governor's vision can be realized throughout state programs."

"This new Executive Order will expand the scope and enhance the effectiveness of the steps already undertaken by the O'Malley Brown Administration to reduce our state's greenhouse gas emissions and increase our ability to deal with the negative impacts of climate change," said **Stuart Clarke, Executive Director, Town Creek Foundation**. "The result will be a Maryland that is cleaner, healthier, and more

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resilient in the face of the climate challenges and disruptions of the future.”

The Executive Order makes reference to the March 2014 United States Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which reported that the effects of climate change are occurring on all continents and across the oceans, and that numerous opportunities exist to respond to and mitigate associated risks. It also notes that effects already experienced by Maryland include sea level rise of more than one foot in the last century, increasing water temperatures in the Chesapeake Bay and more rain and flooding in the winter and spring and less in the summer.

Maryland's people and their property, natural environment and public investments are extremely vulnerable to climate change impacts that include sea level rise, increased storm intensity, extreme droughts and heat waves and increased wind and rainfall. A new survey from George Mason University in partnership with the Climate Communication Consortium of Maryland shows that eight out of 10 Marylanders feel that addressing climate change should be a priority for Maryland's Governor and General Assembly.

Under the leadership of the O'Malley-Brown Administration Maryland has taken actions that demonstrate the State's strong commitment to addressing the causes and consequences of climate change. In 2007, Governor O'Malley established Maryland's first [Commission on Climate Change](#) to develop an action plan to address the drivers of climate change, to prepare for its likely impacts in the State and to establish goals and timetables for implementation. The Commission, made up of 16 State agency heads and six members of the General Assembly, was charged with the development of a Plan of Action to address the drivers of climate change, to prepare for its likely impacts in Maryland and to establish goals and timetables for implementation. The Commission released the [Maryland Climate Action Plan](#) in 2008.

Other key steps taken by Maryland to address climate change include:

- Passage in 2007 of the [Clean Cars Act](#)
- Participation beginning in 2007 in the [Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative](#)
- Amendments to the [Critical Area Act](#) and passage of the [Living Shorelines Protection Act](#) in 2008
- Passage in 2008 of the [EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency Act](#)
- Passage in 2009 of the [Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act](#)
- Issuance in 2013 of the [Executive Order on Climate Change and “Coast Smart” Construction](#)
- Passage in 2013 of the [Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act](#)
- Passage in 2013 of the [Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act](#)
- Final issuance in 2013 of Maryland's [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act Plan](#)
- Launch in 2013 of [State Zero-Emission Vehicles Programs](#)
- Passage in 2014 of the [Coast Smart Council](#) and Bay Acidification Task Force Legislation

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